Onion Patch, has produced several ounces of beautiful crystalline gold over the years. We located Onion Patch after we found the road we wanted to travel was blocked by some vehicles. We walked down a ravine following a dry ditch for several hundred feet, noticing along the way mining activity on the banks so we fired up our metal detectors. To our surprise it wasn’t long before we found a few small nuggets which had been thrown up on the bank by the miners. Walking a flume ditch for a few hundred feet we came to another dry ditch which showed more signs of prospecting from the miners past. Turning on my metal detector and within a few feet I found a 3 pwt nugget, so my buddy could hunt also I turned my machine off and within a few feet he found a 3.5 pwt nugget. Over the next few years we found several ounces, digging down to bed rock and chasing it with our detectors.

I’m not sure what the cure for gold fever is except to find more gold. This past Sunday I was digging down 3 feet in the ravine and found another 3 pwt nugget. Sounding like a square nail I didn’t film the digging of the nugget for the club meeting, my mistake. The nugget was under a big root and came out of the ground covered in red clay. Like I’ve said before Dig, Dig, Dig even if you think it’s not gold Dig It up!

People of money and fame have recently been in the news suffering from depression. I don’t know of anything for the mind and body that is better than being with Mother Nature searching for the treasure she has mischievously hidden.

Looking forward to peace and the weekend,
Going for the Gold
Mike

PS
I will be selling a White’s Goldmaster GMT at the next meeting still new in the box for $700.00. The first one who has the money gets it. It comes with a tall man rod and a kit to hip mount it.
Cyndy’s Meeting Notes

Well, the meeting began a bit differently last month. First of all, due to the Applegate Fire, we were sharing the building with Red Cross. The Red Cross was upstairs while we had our meeting downstairs. Then about 10 minutes before the meeting began, Lee Buhler took a spill in the kitchen and bumped her head on the cabinet on the way down to the floor. The ambulance was called and they arrived just after Mike started the meeting. They took her to the hospital to get checked out. Lee stayed a while for observation then went home sporting a huge bump on her forehead. I have since talked to Lee and she is just fine. We want to offer a special “Thank You” to Charlie & Barbara Brown for taking over the kitchen while Lee & Ken went off to the hospital.

Mike handed out the Miner of the month coins to Jerry Culver and Jim Eakin. Congratulations guys for all your help to the club and members on the outings!

Robert Jordan then talked about how everyone helped out with the Gold Panning Championships and how well everything went. While wearing the medal that he had won at the championships!

Ray Dodds presented Brad Zeigler with a name badge swinger for the NUGGETS, for all the help with the unloading, set up, teaching the kids, take down and loading at the Championships. Congratulations Brad!

Mike also showed some videos that he took during the Gold Panning Championships, along with a short one from one of his detecting outings.

Our speaker was Don Robinson. He spoke about buying mining claims, things to watch out and look for before buying a claim. He says to research it first. The history of the area, past claims on the area (claims could be overlapping), contact the owner to ask them if you could “prospect” it first, because you need to check it out. Buyers for gold claims must be citizens or declare intention to become a citizen. He also said that “patented” property is “claimed” property. Also check to see if there are any Liability issues. Don also explained the reason why the Mother Lode Goldhounds don’t own a club claim. If the Goldhounds had a claim it would be worked out in NO time!

Thank you Don, it was a very informative evening.

Next month’s meeting (Dec. 12) is our Christmas Potluck, already! Please bring a dish that will serve 8, and your own drink (no alcohol). We will provide the plates and utensils. We will open up early, 5PM, come early to help with the set up and to visit. Our kitchen is large, with a large oven to keep your dish warm. Don’t forget to bring along goodies to share with others too!

And Wear Your Ugliest Christmas Sweater! We are going to have something different at our Christmas meeting this year. It will be an UGLY CHRISTMAS SWEATER CONTEST! Wear the Ugliest Christmas Sweater that you have, can make up or find, and we will have a contest to see whose is the UGLIEST! It should be fun, and there will be a prize!

See you at the next meeting,
Cyndy Burchard
A Note From Annie Robinson

We are NOT going to have a Thanksgiving potluck this year. However, we are going to have our fundraiser for Elijah’s Jar at the November 14 meeting instead of in December. We hold two door prize raffles at this time. We will hold special raffle as a fundraiser for Elijah’s Jar Food Closet. We have a couple of very nice prizes for this event. Everyone who donates to Elijah’s Jar will receive a ticket for this special raffle. One ticket per person that makes a donation to Elijah’s Jar.

Elijah’s Jar Emergency Food Closet supports the communities of the Foresthill and Iowa Hill. Elijah’s Jar Coordinator, Linda Pashall said this year there is more homeless depending on their help each day. Not only for food but clothes as well. If you prefer to use a gift certificate, please purchase one from one of the grocery outlets in the Foresthill area. Elijah’s Jar serves families, seniors, the disabled, the working poor, single parents, and the homeless no matter where they live. Elijah’s Jar receives no government funding and is fully dependent upon the generosity of churches, service organizations, and concerned citizens of the area and that includes The Mother Lode Goldhounds. It is a 501c-3 non-profit: therefore, all your donations are tax deductible. They are also an all-volunteer organization located at 24617 Foresthill Rd., Foresthill, CA.

The need for a financial donation is greatest (in the form of a check) and will be used by Elijah’s Jar to purchase food they need to balance out the stock on hand, to ensure everyone receives a healthy balanced variety of foods. Make your check to Elijah’s Jar and when we deliver the food we will also deliver the checks. Or you may mail your check to Elijah’s Jar, P.O.Box 1036, Foresthill, CA, 95631. Be sure to note on your check that you are a Goldhounds member.

If you prefer to make a donation of food please refer to the following list of needs:
(Please no outdated or expired food)

Canned tuna and chicken
Canned meats, i.e. chili, stew, tamales
Boxed “complete meals”
Healthy, “not sugar coated” cereals
Peanut Butter, jams, and honey
Hearty soups
Meal mixes, i.e. Rice-A-Roni or Hamburger Helper type
Pasta sauce, dry spaghetti or pasta
Mac N Cheese
Canned fruits and veggies

We will load it all in my van and Don will deliver everything the next day.

The second raffle is the regular meeting raffle and it will also be filled with nice prizes. This raffle and the one in December helps pay for the Goldhounds’ Annual Bear River Campground Trip and the Liability Insurance for the next year, due every January.

Thank You Goldhounds, I know you will do what you can. You are the real Gold Nuggets in the Mother Lode Country.

Annie

A note from Jim Hutchings on the Court Case in Southern California

As you may have heard, the Center for Biological Diversity had written an "Amicus" or Friend of the Court request to raise the issue of Navigable Waters as a reason for the State to claim the rights to end dredging or seriously impact dredging through regulation. The Center for Biological Diversity, is not a science organization. They are an agenda driven political organization to promote extreme environmentalism, cherry picking low hanging science facts and reinterpreting to fit their ideology of man’s place on the earth.

Their letter to the court was rejected. Contrary to their statement, the issue of Navigable Waters was approached and withdrawn (by the State of California). As anybody looking at the pictures of the Rinehart mining claim would see, it was a boulder locked small mountain stream. Under no conditions, as are many of our mining claims are, is this stream Navigable. The court threw it out!

As for the other cases, that were benefited by a favorable Rinehart decision, the most recent hearing has been delayed from November 14th to December 12th! So, hang in there and continue to generously support the PLP to keep the attorneys funded to see this through. I assure you, they are not getting paid near what they are worth, and your money is well spent on this cause!

Jim Hutchings

A couple of notes from PLP

We have received word from Judge Ochoa that he will not be able to hear on Friday, November 14, 2014, our previously scheduled Motions to amend the complaints and petition to add the California State Water Resources Control Board and its Director, as parties to the litigation. Judge Ochoa has set a new hearing date for our Motions on Friday, December 12, 2014 at 8:30 am. Judge Ochoa is in Department S36J, Superior Court of California, San Bernardino Justice Center, 247 West 3rd Street, San Bernardino, CA 92415-0210.

We have shirts for sale at the link below and lots of other stuff too.
PLP auction site - eBay
You may browse and see several items that we listed that may pique your interest.

You can subscribe to these emails at PLP email signup.
( http://plp1.org/contactus.html )
Fighting for your right to mine is very expensive so PLP is auctioning off Gold or any donated items you give to help raise money.

If you want to help we will take just about anything from old heirlooms to vehicles to GOLD dust or nuggets. CASH will be accepted also.

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Mother Lode Goldhounds Meeting Calendar
We meet the second Friday of every month from 7-9pm at the Veterans Hall, 100 East Street, Auburn, CA. Take Hwy. 80 toward Auburn, get off at Hwy 49 and turn toward downtown Auburn. At the first stop light turn right, go one block, turn right again. The Veterans Hall sits on your left. Bring your friends. The Public is invited. Come early for snacks, buy door-prize tickets, and visit with friends.

Upcoming Goldhounds meeting dates:

November 14
Elijah’s Jar
See Annie’s Notes above on the needs for Elijah’s Jar.

December 12
Christmas Potluck & Ugliest Sweater Contest
For details see Cyndy Burchard’s meeting notes above

2015!
January 9

February 13
Friday the 13th!

March 13
Watch out, second Friday the 13th!

April 10

NOTE – THIS SAUNTERING EXCURSION IS NOT AFFILIATED WITH FOLSOM LAKE COLLEGE – THIS IS A PRIVATE OFFERING OF PROFESSOR WHEELDON’S GEOLOGICAL SAUNTERING SOCIETY

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Visit www.GWheeldon.com for info on the next Saunter.
OTHER CLUBS AND ASSOCIATIONS

Gold Prospectors Association of America (GPAA)

We meet this month on the third Saturday
River City Prospectors Chapter meets quarterly in Rio Linda, CA. GPAA has member only claims and outings. Their “Pick & Shovel Gazette” has good information for everyone who supports mining. Contact Jim Hutchings at (530) 367-5108 or contact the GPAA at 800-551-9797. Visit www.goldprospectors.com

Roseville Rock Roller Gem & Mineral Society
Meetings on the second Tuesday of every month at the Placerville Fairgrounds in Roseville, CA. 800 All American City Blvd. www.rockrollers.com or email rockrollers@hotmail.com

Sacramento Valley Detecting Buffs
Meetings on the first Thursday of every month at the Sacramento County Old SMUD Building, corner of Elkhorn & Don Julio in North Highlands, CA. www.sacramentovalleydetectingbuffs.com

El Dorado County Mineral & Gem Society
Call (530) 676-2472 or visit www.eldoradomineralandgem.org

Placerville Gold Country Treasure Seekers
A metal detecting club. Email gcts10@comcast.net or visit online at GoldCountryTreasureSeekers.shutterfly.com

Gold Pan California, Gold Adventures
1021 Detroit Ave., Concord, CA - call (925) 825-Gold

Golden Caribou Mining
A small-scale mining gold club in Belden, CA. Call (530) 283-5141 or visit www.goldencaribour.com

United Prospectors
UPI have claims open to members. Outings/meetings every other month.
2401 E. Orangebury Ave., Modesto 95355

Shasta Miners
Club has claims for members use. Meetings at 7 PM on the third Wednesday of every month at the Moose Lodge on Lake Blvd. in Shasta, CA., just up from Shopko on the left. Call (530) 623-0744

Sierra Nevada Mining Council
Carol Marshall (530) 272-5915, Visit www.MiningCouncil.org or write Box 1567, Grass Valley, CA 95949

The 16 to 1 Underground Gold Miners Museum
Contact them for tours of a working underground mine and special events. Write Box 907, Alleghany, CA 95910. www.undergroundgold.com Email: info@undergroundgold.com (530) 287-3330
**Comstock Gold Prospectors**
Meetings on the fourth Tuesday of every month at the Masonic Lodge, 2425 Pyramid Way, Sparks, NV. Write P.O. Box 20781, Reno, NV 89515 or visit [www.cgpgold.org](http://www.cgpgold.org)

**Western Mining Alliance** – Miners who fight for our rights to dredge and mine in California. WMA has a great online newsletter and a great people to work with. Visit [www.westernminingalliance.com](http://www.westernminingalliance.com) Email westeringalliance@gmail.com.

**Public Lands for the People**
The PLP continues to work on your behalf to keep public lands and mining open to all. [www.PLP2.org](http://www.PLP2.org) (909) 889-3039 7194 Conejo Dr., San Bernardino, CA 92404

**DONATIONS for PLP** Please remember to make a donation of some kind (no matter how small or large) to our PLP DONATION JAR, located at the table as you come in to the meeting room. Donate to help them with fight to keep our mining rights! This is not an inexpensive job, and they aren’t funded by anyone but us, the casual miner! As miners, we know that every grain eventually adds up to be the ounce!

![PLP Logo](image)

PLP hosts a running auction for GOLD Flakes on eBay. Fighting for your right to mine is very expensive so PLP is auctioning off any donations you can make to help raise money. If you can help they will take just about anything from old heirlooms to vehicles. Contact PLP at [http://plp1.org/contactus.html](http://plp1.org/contactus.html)

**GOLDHOUND MEETING AND MEMBER INFORMATION**

**NAME BADGES**: Club name badges can be ordered at any club meeting. See Member Jim Kury - Badge with Pin Clasp: $4.50 Magnetic Badge: $5.00. EMAIL: JMKURY@SEBASTIANCORP.NET

**FORREST GRIBBLE** is in charge of our Monthly Raffles. Thank You Forrest for all you do to help the club out. You and your Dad (Ron) are a real blessing to our Nuggets & Goldhounds.

**GOLDHOUND T-SHIRTS** There are 7-Large and 1-2X. Priced at $18.00 each. See Cyndy Burchard at the meeting, if you would like to purchase one or contact Cyndy at cyned0523@yahoo.com for info or to place an order.

**CYNDY BURCHARD** is in charge of our membership and is the club Secretary, as well as our Sunshine Lady. Cyndy also sends emails out for the Goldhounds and Nuggets. A BIG THANK YOU to Cyndy for all her hard work.
**GOLDHOUND PATCH’S** for your hat or jacket are for sale at each meeting. See Cyndy Burchard $6.00 each

**GOLDHOUND MEETINGS** are held the 2nd Friday of each month at the Auburn Veterans Hall, 7:00PM-9:00PM, 100 EAST ST., AUBURN, CA. Take Hwy. 80 toward Auburn, get off at Hwy 49 and turn right. At the first stop light turn right, go one block, turn right again. The Veterans Hall sits on the left, parking is in the back. **Invite your friends, The public is welcome to attend.**

**GOLDHOUND CLASSIFIEDS**

*Do you have something for sale? For Barter? A request of your fellow miner’s?*

*Or just want to offer something free for the asking?*

List it free for all Goldhounds, here on the Goldhound Classifieds. Send your ad and contact information to Sherry Andersen at SherryRocks57@gmail.com along with any photos needed. Your ad will be in the next newsletter and can go on the Goldhounds Live page on Goldhounds.com web site if requested.

PLP auctions on eBay. Contact PLP at http://plp1.org/contactus.html

Remember, these auctions help to raise money for PLP to keep fighting our mining and dredging rights.

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**For Sale** – Lou Mosnier says…Due to my age of 91, my mining days are over and I am selling all my mining equipment. If you could put a note to that effect in the Newsletter, I would appreciate it.

Items for sale include Vicella electric kiln, Dayton elect rock grinder, 4” Keene dredge, Desert Fox panner, Highbanker, Motors, ProMac ValPak, MineLab GP Extreme detector and coils, Sluice boxes, Come-alongs, Screens, pans, rock net, cable, pry bars, various tools.

Thanks! Lou Mosnier, member since the 1980’s
Fair Oaks, Sacramento.  (916) 961-0568

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**For Sale** -- 2011 Heartland North Trail 21FBS Trailer. It has one slide out, which is the U shaped dinette. Queen bed is in the front, bathroom is in the back. This trailer is like new, we only used it 5 times in four years. When you add all the extras this trailer goes at low retail $13,690 to $21,730. Asking $17,000 – email Cyndy Burchard at cyned0523@yahoo.com with your contact information and the owner will get in touch with you.

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If you would like to join/renew your membership, please print out this form and send the completed form with a check/money order payable to:

Mother Lode Goldhounds, P.O. Box 1371, Colfax, CA 95713

( ) $40.00 Individual  ( ) $45.00 Family  ( ) Senior & Spouse (age 70+) $30

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I hereby apply for membership/renewal with the Mother Lode Goldhounds. I fully understand Mother Lode Goldhounds and its agents do not provide goods or services for any of my activities including, for example, mining equipment or supplies, lodging, transportation, food, etc. Mother Lode Goldhounds is not liable for any negligent or unwillful act or failure to act by providers of such goods or services during my activities. I acknowledge that there may be certain risks involved with activities as a member including, but not limited to, rugged or uneven terrain, uncertain or unpredictable river currents, physical exertion for which I am not prepared, or other unknown forces of nature, high altitude, accident or illness without access to means or rapid evacuation or availability of medical supplies, the adequacy of medical attention once provided, or negligence on part of Mother Lode Goldhounds.

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I have read and fully understand this release and membership application.

SIGNATURE________________________________________   DATE____________________
Frank, finding nuggets on the North Fork.